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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration of the application is requested.

Claims 1 and 3-14 remain in the application. Claims 1, 7-10, and 12-14 have been amended. Claim 2 has been cancelled.

In deference to the Examiner's requirement in the second paragraph on page 2 of the above-identified Office action, the specification has been amended to include the parent application's patent number.

In the third paragraph on page 2 of the above-identified Office action, claims 3-4 have been objected to because "said protective layer" lacks antecedent basis. Appropriate correction has been made.

In the fourth paragraph on page 2 of the above-mentioned Office action, claims 1 and 11 have been rejected as being anticipated by Hsu et al. (US 6,265,257) under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b).

In the first paragraph on page 3 of the above-mentioned Office action, claims 5-6 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b)

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as anticipated by or, in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as obvious over Hsu et al.

In the penultimate paragraph on page 3 of the above-mentioned Office action, claims 1 and 11 have been rejected as being anticipated by Nagy et al. (US 4,791,073) under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b).

In the fourth paragraph on page 4 of the above-mentioned Office action, claims 5-6 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as anticipated by or, in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as obvious over Nagy et al.

The rejections have been noted and claim 1 has been amended in an effort to even more clearly define the invention of the instant application.

More specifically, the feature of claim 2 has been added to claim 1. Since claim 2 contains allowable subject matter as indicated in the first paragraph on page 5 of the Office action, claim 1 is now believed to be allowable. Since claims 5-6 and 11 are dependent on claim 1, they are believed to be patentable as well.

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Applicant acknowledges the Examiner's statement in the first paragraph on page 5 of the above-mentioned Office action that claims 2, 7-10, and 12-14 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

The feature of claim 2 has been added to claim 1. Claim 8 has been written in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Since claims 7, 9-10, and 12-14 are dependent on allowable claim 1, they are believed to be allowable in dependent form.

In view of the foregoing, reconsideration and allowance of claims 1 and 3-14 are solicited.

In the event the Examiner should still find any of the claims to be unpatentable, counsel would appreciate a telephone call so that, if possible, patentable language can be worked out.

If an extension of time for this paper is required, petition for extension is herewith made. Please charge any fees which might be due with respect to 37 CFR Sections 1.16 and 1.17 to

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